

REMARKS

Claims 1-49, 51, 55, 62, 64, 79, and 83 are cancelled. Claims 78, 80-82, and 84-98 are withdrawn. Claims 50, 52-54, 56-61, 63, and 65-77 are pending.

Applicants thank the Examiner for reconsidering the withdrawal of claims 61, 63, and 65-77.

Applicants elect with traverse Group III (claims 61, 63, and 65-77) drawn to a method of dispensing an inorganic particulate material in a polymer. Applicants request that claims 78, 80-82, and 84-98 (Group II) drawn to a method of dispensing an inorganic material in a polymer be rejoined.

The election is made with traverse because the Examiner has not sufficiently established that the Group III method claims and the Group II method claims do not form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. The fact that the Group II claims have been previously withdrawn is not sufficient. The reason the Group II claims were not elected by the Applicants in response to the first restriction was because the Examiner made it appear that he was willing to search and examine the Group I and Group III claims together. Since that is not the case, Applicants want all of the method claims searched and examined together. Applicants believe that if a proper restriction had been made at the beginning of prosecution, any restriction would have been between *all* the method claims and the article claims. Therefore, it is proper that the Group II method claims be rejoined and the Group II and Group III method claims be searched and examined together.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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